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JURY ACTIVISTS RALLY IN OROVILLE

Oroville, county seat of rural Butte County, is an unlikely place for a major political protest. But local officials didn't count on Libertarians standing firm for fully informed juries. **Dixianne Hawks**, a local registered Libertarian, was due to be arraigned May 10 on a charge of "jury tampering." Her offense: passing out leaflets to jurors advising them of their right under common law to judge the law as well as the facts in a criminal case.

In 1895 the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that juries have this right, but that the judge is not obligated to tell them about it. The Fully Informed Jury Amendment (FIJA) is being circulated as an initiative in California. If it qualifies for the June 1992 ballot and is adopted by the voters, judges will have to advise jurors of their rights.

Local Libertarians, and visitors such as national FIJA coordinator **Larry Dodge** of Montana, were on hand at the Butte County Courthouse to rally on Ms. Hawks' behalf. Press releases were sent, local LP chair **Jessica Strock** made the protest signs, and groups such as the National Rifle Association were on hand to help. The rally was covered by three television stations (including a CBS affiliate). Each station ran more than five minutes on the issue. Numerous newspapers were on hand, including the *Sacramento Bee*.

California FIJA coordinator **Marion McEwen** said Ms. Hawks was due for arraignment, but instead she was called into the police station to be booked on jury-tampering charges. She refused the procedure and was jailed for two hours. She was finally released and brought to a juvenile courtroom, the only one without a window.

That didn't prevent the media from taking photos and filming the entire proceeding, however. The judge, no doubt aware that the case could be politically explosive, proceeded with



Photos by Larry Dodge



caution. (Libertarians were right outside yelling "Free Dixianne!") Ms. Hawks had previously fired her court-appointed attorney, at first asking to defend herself. The judge denied the request. Ms. Hawks then asked for the court to pay for her private attorney, John Wolfgram, since they would have paid the appointed attorney anyway. The court has refused to do so. The case has been postponed, and we will report on any future developments. To contribute to the defense fund, send your check payable to Dixianne Hawks, c/o 937 W. 9th St., Chico, CA 95928.

McEwen says that the FIJA volunteer petitioners are indispensable, since the deadline for signature-gathering is in July. For petition forms, call (415) 889-1544 or write to FIJA California, 24828 Canyon View Court, Hayward, CA 94541.

PETITIONER HARASSED IN LANCASTER

One FIJA petitioner was ticketed for "solicitation" at the Los Angeles Municipal Court in Lancaster. On March 18, **Ron Tisbert** advised sheriff's deputies and other officials that he would set up a table inside the courthouse to register voters and obtain signatures for FIJA and the hemp initiative (to legalize marijuana). After two hours of notable success, he was ticketed under county code section 13.16.010, even though he had not solicited any funds. An article on the subject appeared in the *Antelope Valley News*, with letters of support appearing a few days later. Sheriff's deputies told Tisbert that he was "living in the past" (in regards to FIJA), and that he will "never circulate that one in here" (in regards to the hemp petition).

After the ACLU took on Ron's case as a First Amendment case, the county was willing to drop the charges if Ron would limit his petitioning to outside the courthouse. He declined the deal, and a hearing is expected May 23. We will report the results next month.

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SPRIK WINS 5.7% IN ORANGE COUNTY

DeZarn, Dusseljee post significant increases

Three special election runoffs were held May 14 to fill two State Senate and one State Assembly seat. Libertarians were on the ballot in all three elections, and all posted significant vote increases over the initial election of March 19.

The vote totals were as follows:

35th Senate District (Orange County):

John Lewis (Rep)	35,027 (67.5%)
Frank Hoffman (Dem)	13,871 (26.7%)
Eric Sprik (Lib)	2,968 (5.7%)

1st Senate District (Rural Northern California):

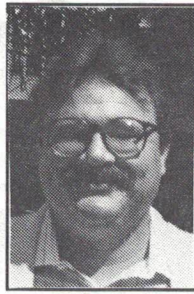
Tim Leslie (Rep)	64,257 (54.7%)
Patti Mattingly (Dem)	50,585 (43.0%)
Gary Dusseljee (Lib)	2,667 (2.3%)

26th Assembly District (Stockton):

Dean Andal (Rep)	27,955 (56.0%)
Patti Garamendi (Dem)	20,727 (41.5%)
Debra Klohs DeZarn (Lib)	1,246 (2.5%)

All three Libertarians gained votes: Sprik went from 516 to 2,968, Dusseljee from 932 to 2,667, and DeZarn from 283 to 1,246. The top votegetters in each party were eligible for the runoff election, since no candidate received 50% in the initial election. Since only one Libertarian was on the ballot in each race, the candidate automatically went to the second round.

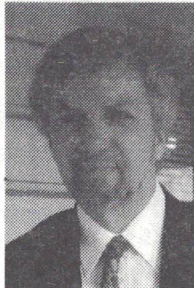
All report that there were more candidate events before the first election. Since then, Sprik appeared in a public television discussion with his two opponents just before the runoff. DeZarn reports one panel presentation and two radio appearances. Unfortunately, but typically,



Sprick



DeZarn



Dusseljee

she was specifically excluded from a League of Women Voters debate. Dusseljee reports no events but much satisfaction from being recognized on the street by voters who laud his support for FIJA (the Fully Informed Jury Amendment).

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

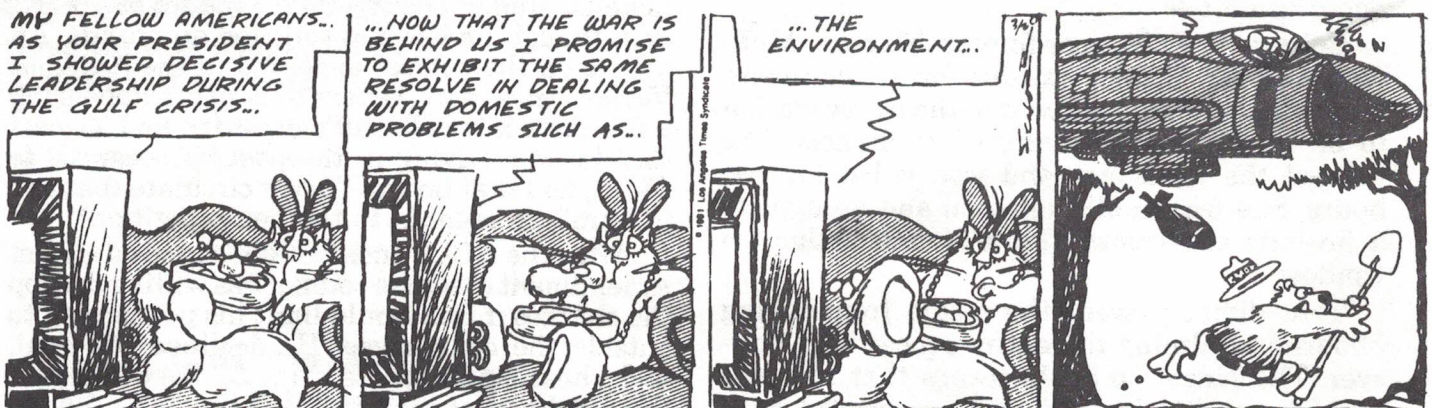
Thus far, Libertarians have run in every special legislative election held in 1991. The next one will be June 4, with **Michael Everling** competing against 10 Democrats, a Republican, and a Peace & Freedom candidate in Los Angeles' 46th Assembly District.

There will be special elections to replace John Lewis and Tim Leslie, the two Assemblymen who were just elected to the State Senate. The date had not been announced by press time.

In the 5th Assembly District (Sacramento suburbs and western Placer County), Libertarian **David McCann** has announced his candidacy. The Michigan native is a former engineer with General Motors who has radically changed careers to become a medical doctor specializing in internal medicine. He ran for Congress in the 3rd District in 1990 and was recently elected chair of the Sacramento County LP. He can be contacted at 9130 Suzette Court, Orangevale, CA 95662, phone (916) 988-7275.

In the 67th Assembly District (eastern Orange County), Libertarian **Mark Logsdon** has announced his candidacy. He is a machinist who is active in gunowners rights organizations. He can be contacted at 16750 Lake Pleasant, Yorba Linda, CA 92686, phone (213) 690-7490. **CLNews**

PHOEBE'S PLACE By Bill Schorr



Event of the Month



As we reported last month, the LPC's "Libertarianism in the Media" Award for 1990 will be presented to KFI Radio's Tom Leykis Show at a special banquet on **Saturday, June 22**. Leykis is a popular Southern California radio personality who has allowed Libertarian viewpoints to be regularly expressed on his show.

This promises to be the gala Libertarian event in southern California this year, so invite your friends and neighbors. (The general public will be notified through local advertising.) This event will demonstrate the importance of saying thanks to one of our rare supporters in the media.

Location is the Pomona Valley Mining Company, 1777 Gillette Road, in Pomona. It's at the Dudley St. exit of the

LEYKIS TO RECEIVE LP MEDIA AWARD

10 Freeway, just east of the junction of the 210, 57 & 71 freeways. Cost for dinner and program is \$30. Time is 6:15 p.m. for cocktails, 7:15 p.m. for dinner, and 8:15 p.m. for the program, which will include a speech by Tom Leykis.

Reserve by sending your checks (payable to the Libertarian Party of California) to Gail Lightfoot, P. O. Box 3207, San Dimas, CA 91773. Please specify roast beef, turkey, or vegetarian meal. For more information, call (714) 623-1117.

REDWOOD CITY LIBERTARIANS IN 4TH OF JULY PARADE

by June Genis

The 4th of July is a "really big show" in Redwood City, just south of San Francisco. The city's parade is one of the largest west of the Mississippi, drawing between 150,000 and 250,000 spectators. It's followed by a street fair and carnival and comes to a smashing conclusion with the evening fireworks. The entire show is financed and run by a privately endowed organization called the Peninsula Celebration Association. No government funds are involved.

This year the Libertarian Party of San Mateo County is planning on having an entry in the parade. The theme will be "The Libertarian Party Salutes 200 Years Under the Bill of Rights." Help is needed from Libertarians throughout California to finance the project.

Decisions are still being made as to whether the entry will be a float or a marching unit, but in either case lots of people are needed to help carry signs, hand out literature, and generally contribute to a big presence. The San Mateo LP would particularly like to hear from those who have any costumes or other props (like antique muskets) that will help make the entry look its best.

If you would like to be part of all this, please contact project coordinator

June Genis at (415) 723-7664 (or contact GA.JRG@Forsythe.Stanford.EDU if you have access to network E-mail). We will find crash space for you if needed. For more information or to make contributions, contact June Genis or write to SMLP, 790 Laurel Street, San Carlos, CA 94070.

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STATE EXECCOM TO MEET

The Libertarian Party of California's State Executive Committee will meet Saturday, June 22, at the Pomona Chamber of Commerce, 363 S. Park Ave., in Pomona. To add items to the agenda, contact state chair Pat Wright at (619) 497-1085. For a copy of the agenda, contact secretary Ed Moss at (714) 986-6677.

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THE MOTHER OF ALL DEMONSTRATIONS

George Herbert Hoover Bush, megastatist and architect of Operation Desert Slaughter and the New World Order, will deliver the commencement address at the California Institute of Technology (CalTech) on **Friday, June 14**, at 10:00 a.m. Libertarians are planning a protest that will catch the attention of the news media and perhaps King George VII himself. The focus will be on Bush's support of higher taxes, unprecedented growth of government, and an interventionist foreign policy.

Location is the CalTech football field, 1201 E. California Blvd., in Pasadena. For time and rally location, contact Ted Brown at (818) 568-8404.

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NOTABLE QUOTE

"The rider is the only one who knows when he is safe, not somebody sitting in the Legislature. I moved to America because I love freedom of choice, but I see it being eroded more and more by the government."

—rock star Billy Idol
at a rally opposing mandatory
motorcycle helmets (5/12/91)

LIBERTARIAN PROFESSOR FIRED FOR DRUG POSITION

Libertarian **Stuart Reges**, 32, a lecturer in the computer science department at Stanford University for eleven years, won the university's Dinkenspiel Award for outstanding service to undergraduate education in 1986. So why was he fired on May 10?

Reges believes that the "war on drugs" is a catastrophe and that drugs should be decriminalized. He exercised his First Amendment rights by writing to drug czar Bob Martinez to tell him so. "In brief I disagree with the government's anti-drug campaign and I am doing everything I can to make fools of you," he wrote. "I still carry illegal drugs in my backpack while on campus. I do not fear any of you. I have not changed my behavior and nothing has happened to me." In response, Martinez threatened to cut off Stanford's sizable federal funding if the university did not take action against Reges.

According to **Williamson "Bill" Evers**, former LPC chair and visiting scholar at Stanford's Hoover Institution, over 50% of Stanford's budget comes from the federal government. Politicians are using the power of the purse strings to control a private university. This clouds the issue of whether Stanford has the right to fire Reges for his anti-drug war views.

Reges has appeared on CNN, "Crossfire," "CBS Night Watch," and "Crier & Company." He has debated his position against Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), chairman of the House Narcotics Committee, defending his case as one of free speech. Another Libertarian, **Dr. Nancy Lord**, joined Reges on CNN to state that it would be OK for Stanford to fire Reges if it were entirely private. However, she argued, taking so much federal

money compels them to recognize constitutional rights. Evers and **June Genis**, another Libertarian on the Stanford faculty, have sent letters to the *Stanford Daily* supporting Reges' position.

Now that he must leave Stanford, Stuart Reges expects to work in the computer industry. Asked whether taking a stand was worth sacrificing a good job at a prestigious university, he responded, "If the university is going to cooperate with the federal government with the war on drugs, I guess it's better for me not to be here. I believe it's an issue of personal freedom." **CLNews**

LIBERTARIANS CONVICTED OF TAX EVASION

Libertarians **William and Kathleen White** and **Will Barkley** were convicted of 12 counts of income tax evasion in U. S. District Court in San Jose on May 8. The trio contributed their income to the United Libertarian Fellowship, a small church founded by the Whites in 1976 and of which Bill White and Barkley were bishops. The church then distributed the money back to the bishops to support their religious work.

Unfortunately, jurors agreed with the Internal Revenue Service that the church was a sham and that the members should have paid taxes on their income. Bill White and Will Barkley could face 25 years in prison. They will be sentenced later this year. Kathleen White's possible sentence is unknown.

The Whites are long time Libertarian Party activists. Bill has frequently served as parliamentarian at LP conventions. He is currently a member of the LPC's Judicial Committee (the party's "Supreme Court"), an honor for distinguished and respected party statesmen. **CLNews**

BILL OF RIGHTS RALLY



Los Angeles area Libertarians and supporters rallied in support of the Bill of Rights May 11 before viewing an actual copy on display at the Shrine Auditorium.
Photo by Neal Donner

LIBERTARIAN ACTIVIST EJECTED FROM PUBLIC MEETING

by Dick Rider

Steven Currie of San Diego was handing out a Libertarian pamphlet at a public hearing on May 1. The flyer was in opposition to proposed Air Pollution Control District (APCD) regulations imposing fees for carpooling and charging employees for parking spaces on their employers' property. These regulations are proposed for implementation of the recently enacted "California Clean Air Act."

An employee of the APCD falsely reported to an employee of the convention arena that Currie was "harassing" people. She asked that he be removed from the premises. Not wishing a direct confrontation with security officers, Currie left voluntarily.

"This was a clear violation of my rights under the state and federal constitutions. Any citizen has the right to peacefully pamphlet and demonstrate at a public hearing. Are they afraid of us?" Currie asked after his experience.

"My impression is that a vast majority of the attendees of these workshops are opposed to these fees and increased bureaucracy. These regulations will cost millions and people will be put out of work—all for a very minimal benefit. One expert said that it will improve the air by only ½ of 1%!"

So far the incident has resulted in good radio coverage plus a nice article in the second largest San Diego paper. Currie is looking into the possibility of legal action against the regulatory agency. Since every county in California will at some time be holding these kinds of hearings, Libertarians statewide should use the opportunity to hand out materials and prospect for new members.

LIBERTARIAN NUDIST STARTS NEWSLETTER

Libertarian Fred Heiser has started a new publication called "The Nuditarian," to promote libertarianism among nudists and nudism among Libertarians. He states that both groups should form a common front against the assaults of the far right and fundamentalist religion. "No Libertarian would ever advocate legal restrictions on simple nudity at the beach (or probably anywhere else for that matter)," he writes.

Submissions are welcome, preferably in an ASCII file on an IBM readable floppy disk (5¼ or 3½ inch). An annual subscription costs \$3.50. Contact Fred Heiser at 1118 W. Magnolia #230, Burbank, CA 91506. **CLNews**

LIBERTARIANS STEP UP TO THE "PLATFORM"

Each day the *Los Angeles Times* prints a "Platform" column on the op-ed page. It presents the opinions of various citizens on a variety of topics. Last month we reported that San Luis Obispo Libertarians were helping a bartender grandmother charged with not enforcing the city's draconian anti-smoking ordinance. Her name is **Patty Etchart**, and the *Times* quoted her opinion on this subject:

"This is ridiculous. When people come into a bar they know it's not a health club. We don't hold them captive. They walk in, see people smoking and don't want to stay, that's their choice. When the city says no one can smoke anywhere in town, they've taken that choice away. If I worked at someplace that caters to children, I'd say fine. But when you're in a bar where everyone is over 21, I think those adults should be able to make their own choice.

"It's all wrong. Employees like me are being cited, not the smokers. I was hired to serve drinks, not be a police officer. I don't have any special training. It's bad enough when you get a 6 foot 2 inch, 300 pound drunk. Now I'm going to make him put out his cigarette?"

BLOXHAM TAPPED ON WATER

Around the same time, the "Platform" space was given to Orange County Libertarian **Roger Bloxham** on the subject of citizens, urged on by water authorities, informing on their water-wasting neighbors:

"Could Southern California politicians hate rain? You bet! They had such a good thing going and all this rain put a real damper on it. They had special 'snitch' phone lines so that the suckers for the 'politics of envy' could fink anonymously. People were laying awake at night worrying that their beautiful front yard flower beds might bring trouble.

"The shortage of water is political. What else could it be? Here we have an ocean full of it, and if free enterprise were still free, water would not only be plentiful but cheap. Ah, but then the politicians would lose control.

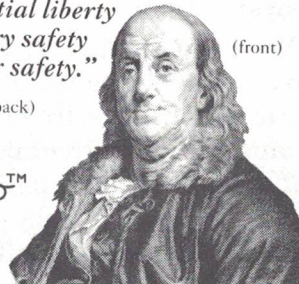
"The choice developing is storm trooper or freedom. We are having phony crisis after phony crisis to build government control. The answer is to deregulate. Allow honest, responsible, innovative responses to developing needs, or prepare for the Fourth Reich." **CLNews**

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FROM THE CHAIR

Pat Wright

I continue to be optimistic about the prospect of seeing some substantial growth in the LPC. The various parts of running a political party are coming together. There is no one thing we could do to make our party grow, but everything done right and on schedule adds up to growth. Renewal notices now go out with a cover letter. Members who do not respond will be contacted a second and third time. (In fact, I'll hound them until they renew!) Pledgers now receive a letter with their reminders.

When I ran for chair, my unofficial campaign pledge was "**Dick Rider** works cheap," and in fact he does. Our dedicated office manager receives compensation only for expenses. We are using his office rent-free and he answers the 800 phone line at almost any hour. I would also like to thank two other Libertarians who are "working cheap." **Steve Alexander** wrote the text of a soon-to-be-released new brochure. He is also working on the database of registered Libertarians to get it ready for a big mailing from the state party. **Ted Brown**, our newsletter editor, has had his workload increased by the addition of "sample" and "final" boxes on the newsletter. This means he will have to read each label to know which box to check. I am grateful to Ted for adding this task, which should help us increase memberships and renewals.

I am also happy to see increased activity on the local level. **Jaak Sanders** is about to reactivate the Fresno area. Orange County appears to be getting into high gear, and finally has a supper club again. **Aaron Starr** is doing a personalized mailing to all registered Libertarians in Ventura County. **Ross Crain** and **James DeLang** are putting more effort into Shasta and Tehama Counties, where Libertarian voter registration has recently gone up 13%. My big wish is that Los Angeles County Libertarians will continue efforts to combine their seven separate regions.

We have started to work with a professional marketer experienced in graphics and direct mail. Our mailing to the 10,000 newest registered Libertarians will be in the mail shortly. I have learned that we can get the mailing list of the National Taxpayers Union. They have 17,800 members in California alone. With all the tax increases headed our way, this should be a very receptive group. I will be asking the Executive Committee for the money to go after them. Wish me luck!

GINGELL TO RUN FOR NATIONAL CHAIR

Mary Gingell of Los Altos, current LP national vice chair and former California state chair, has become the first to announce her candidacy for national chair. The position will be voted on at the LP National Convention, August 29 to September 1 in Chicago. Incumbent **David Walter** of Pennsylvania is not running for re-election.

"I am proud to have been part of Dave Walter's Performance Team, which has built a solid foundation from which the LP will grow and influence America's future," says Ms. Gingell. "If our country is to advance to liberty, Libertarians must organize for liberty, educate for liberty, and campaign for liberty."

Ms. Gingell is a certified public accountant and MBA graduate of Harvard Business School. She has also managed commute services for Southern Pacific Railroad. She was LPC state chair from 1983-84, LP candidate for state controller in 1982, national vice chair from 1983-85 and again from 1989 to the present. She has served as Affiliate Parties Committee Chair since December 1988, where she worked to improve communication between the different levels of LP activists. Ms. Gingell and her husband, former LPC chair **Williamson "Bill" Evers**, have two young children. CLNews

GOING TO CHICAGO CONVENTION? NEED A ROOMMATE?

Kim Goldsworthy, LPC Southern Vice-Chair, is compiling a list of California Libertarians who plan to attend the LP National Convention in Chicago August 27 to September 1, and who wish to split the cost of lodging with one or more roommates. There should be a message board available at the hotel for spontaneous arrivals to advertise for roommates, but for those who wish to plan ahead, Kim will keep a list of cost-conscious attendees, and will do match-ups prior to arrival.

If enough interest is shown, a suite may be rented for "sleeping bag" libertarians to split the cost four to eight ways. Also, there are hotels withing walking distance to the Marriott with cheaper rates.

For information, contact Kim at 3436 Chariette Ave., Rosemead, CA 91770, phone (818) 280-5644. Please include the dates of lodging and your telephone number. CLNews

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SAN BERNARDINO LP GROWS AND PROSPERS

San Bernardino County has the largest land area of any county in the U. S. The 1990 census shows that it is one of the fastest growing as well, part of the population boom in the "Inland Empire" east of Los Angeles. Until 1988 the local Libertarian Party only had a handful of members and little activism. Under the leadership of chairs **Del Harbour**, **Ed Moss** (now LPC secretary) and **Tom Cosgrove**, the party now has 45 dues paying members and a bolder approach to activism.

Cosgrove, a real estate broker from the desert community of Phelan, has been quite active since taking office in January. He has written an argument against Measure E, a tax increase to pay for more parklands, that will appear in the county's June 4 ballot pamphlet. He has spoken to community groups and was interviewed about drug decriminalization on KCIN Radio in Victorville.

The LP of San Bernardino organized a Holocaust Remembrance event at Victor Valley College on April 11. The Victor Valley *Daily Press* ran a piece on the ceremony, quoting Cosgrove extensively. For example, the campaign against European Jews provides a horrifying example of what an effectively organized and overreaching government can accomplish. The genocide would not have occurred, said Cosgrove, if German citizens had enjoyed the basic freedoms in the U. S. Constitution—such as the rights to carry guns, speak freely and assemble.

On May 1 the LP held a meeting to hear radio personality **Tom Leykis** speak. **Rodger Cosgrove**, the chairman's son, owns a reception hall in Colton that he has graciously allowed the LP to use. Leykis, who will be honored by the state LP on June 22 (see page 3), was driven to the event in a limousine accompanied by LP presidential contender **Dick Boddie**. If Leykis wasn't fully familiar about libertarian ideas by the end of that trip, he never will be! He said that he always knows when a letter is from a Libertarian, because it weighs six pounds! The event was a notable success.

As the local population grows—and the local Libertarians continue their activism—we expect great things from San Bernardino in the future. For more information, contact Tom Cosgrove at P. O. Box 1327, Phelan, CA 92371, phone (619) 868-4461. **CLNews**

LIBERTARIAN TO MAKE HEADLINES

Roger Bloxham, chairman of the Orange County Libertarian Party, has been selected to write a weekly column in the *Orange Coast Daily Pilot*. The paper is a daily, and Bloxham's words will appear each Sunday. The first column, with photo and LP byline, appeared April 28 and was about the war in the Middle East.

The *Daily Pilot* believes in equal time, so it allows liberal Mark Petracca and conservative Hugh Hewitt to write columns on different days. Libertarian Bloxham has contributed to the paper sporadically for the last ten years. Now the *Pilot* recognizes that his distinctive viewpoint should also be presented on a regular basis.

Sunday-only subscriptions are available for those who want to follow these columns. Contact the *Daily Pilot*, 330 W. Bay St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627, phone (714) 642-4333. **CLNews**

THE TAXPAYER'S FRIEND

As reported by Rick Kushman, in the *Sacramento Bee's* "Insider" column:

Most politicians at least try to look like they sympathize with the common taxpayer. Then there is State Senator Bill Greene (D-Los Angeles). Lonnie Mathis of the state Department of Finance was telling a Senate committee that taxpayers get confused when state income tax laws differ from federal laws. He said Californians spend an average of 26% more time on their returns than they did a few years ago.

"So what?" said the gravelly-voiced Greene. "So what?" The stunned Mathis responded, "That doesn't bother you?" Said Greene, "That doesn't bother me at all. Why should it bother you?" **CLNews**

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